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Eugene V. Debs Ben Hanford

'Rah for Debs and Hanford! 'Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah!

War at best is but murder on a large scale.—E. V. Debs.

The labor movement is the monument of the labor agitator.—E. V. Debs.

The republican papers in sounding the praises of Roosevelt, never mention a word about his inventive genius—you know the riot club he invented, and the government refused to patent on account of its being an inhuman weapon.

No self-respecting workingman, who keeps abreast of the political trend in Montana, even though he may be ignorant of his class interests, can consistently vote anything but the Socialist ticket this year. Common decency will force him to do this.

Joe Toole is a pretty good everyday politician himself. When the labor committee waited upon him seeking political plums in exchange for their support, Mr. Toole replied: "Gentlemen, it is against the law to promise anything, but—but look at my past record in distributing offices among workingmen."

The republicans are rehashing the proposition that the democrats are scrambling for an issue this year. Theirs is "prosperity." In 1908 the Socialists will have the both wings of the old political wallflowers in such a position that it will not be difficult for them to meet upon common ground and grapple with a real live issue.

How would it do in case you are asked for the price of a meal by the workingman out of a job with nothing to eat to produce a Socialist card. Would it not serve a clearer record than a union card? It would at least exhibit that the holder did not scab at the polls and vote for a condition that made him without a job or anything to eat, whereas a union card would not.

It is interesting, indeed, to note the antics of the slum politicians in Butte, consisting of the labor fakirs, the unwashed Heinzeites and the Amalgamated democrats. The fight between the Heinze and Clark sheets is highly entertaining. The abuse dealt out by the wage slaves in the interests of their respective masters would mystify an East India juggler. It is a case of the kettle calling the pot black.

Friday and Saturday we were visited by Comrade Graham of Livingston, Doyle of Great Falls, Schwend of Anaconda, Bilty of Canyon Ferry and Fairgrieve of Red Lodge. Reports of the comrades are of the most promising character. As the comrades named represent the various quarters of the state from a geographical standpoint, it is evident that the movement throughout the state is at high pressure generally. Comrades, coats off until November 8th.

The labor leaders, both great and small, are quite busily engaged nowadays hobnobbing with the moneyed corporation candidates on the demo-republican ticket. Using the street parlance, this year these spurious coins are between the devil and the deep sea. There is no choice between Parker and Roosevelt, and poor old man Debs has not the price nor the inclination to pay them for their treachery to organized labor.

There is one thing that the Socialist movement is doing and that is establishing the line of demarcation between the grafter and the honest man. It places such men as Bryan, Watterson, Patterson, Hearst, and Montana's shrewd politician, Joe Toole, and men of this ilk who profess friendship toward the laboring man in the capitalist class, where they belong. On the other hand, it is gathering together the most intelligent of union men, who have studied their economic interests and have united to combat in the political field. The Socialist movement is daily lessening the power of the union grafter.

And the Associated Press gives out the startling information that President Joseph Balhorn of the National Brotherhood of Painters has stated that organized labor will not support the republican ticket this year. Of course organized labor can vote for Parker on account of his action in the eight hour law. Obviously this labor leader has "been seen" by the democrats first. The following hemorrhage by him shows which way the wind blows: "A large percentage of the union labor vote has been republican in previous presidential campaigns and it needs only the switch of only a small percentage of these votes to swing the doubtful states into the column for Parker." There is a portion of the union labor vote this year that has gotten away from the influences of such tricksters as Balhorn, who is in organized labor for Balhorn, and they are sailing under the banner of the Socialist party.

## Socialist National and State Ticket

For President—  
Eugene V. Debs of Indiana.

For Vice President—  
Ben Hanford of New York

For Presidential Electors—  
W. N. Holden, of Silver Bow.  
J. F. Mabie, of Park.  
Joseph Hoar, of Silver Bow.

For Governor—  
Malcomb G. O'Malley, Silver Bow.

For Lieutenant Governor—  
John W. Frinke, of Deer Lodge.

For Congressman—  
J. H. Walsh, of Fergus.

For Chief Justice of Supreme Court—  
C. M. Parr, of Silver Bow.

For Clerk of Supreme Court—  
John Peters, of Carbon.

For Secretary of State—  
Henry Lynch, of Fergus.

For State Treasurer—  
Erik Olson, of Cascade.

For State Auditor—  
W. C. Phelps, of Lewis & Clarke.

For Attorney General—  
E. O. Jackson, of Silver Bow.

For State Superintendent of Public Instruction—  
Mrs. R. Anna German, of Silver Bow.



## ANOTHER REPUBLICAN SPELLBINDER SPEAKS HIS PIECE

Senator Mason of Illinois spread the American eagle at the Auditorium on Tuesday night. He is a first class republican speaker, and the wage earner who reads his economics should readily understand what that means. Mr. Mason is a political joker—something well calculated to make the ladies and children laugh. And the ladies—God bless them—were there in profusion, filling the gallery, and like their unthinking political brothers, were attracted by the brilliancy of the pyrotechnics, the melody of the brass band, the flowers and dress, and tinsel and trappings of the ordinary old party campaign rally. As an after tea speaker and jollier Mr. Mason has Chauncey Depew badly beaten. It is not known that Mr. Mason is a member of the "republican jolly and hot air club" of Illinois. At any rate he has discarded the threadbare "full dinner pail" racket and has substituted a new wrinkle fresh from the "medicine room" of the national republican committee. The omnipresent brass band starts up "America" for the purpose of arousing the necessary false patriotism, and the unsophisticated audience arises and joins in the chorus. Mr. Mason did as well as he could, with the stock of republican arguments at hand. The gentleman had the temerity to state that he was sent out here to appeal to Montanans for their electoral vote for Mr. Roosevelt, as the leaders of the republican party thought they would lose the state of New York and other states where the trust influences were strong, owing to Mr. Roosevelt's opposition to the trusts. He did not explain that the trusts were the inevitable result of the competitive system for which the republican party stands sponsor and that by interfering with the progress and evolution of this system, the wheels of industry would be hampered and the already unemployed problem augmented. There were good and bad trusts, he said, but he failed to explain the line of demarcation. Mr. Mason stated that under the democratic administration the wage earners were without work and that everybody was employed shortly after the republicans took charge of the reins of government, notwithstanding that census bulletin No. 150, compiled by the republican statistician, Carroll D. Wright, gives out that there were unemployed the year ending 1900 one million and a half people, and a part of the people working part of the year. Also that Mr. Wright shows the average income for each individual in the United States to be \$437. "The democrats can't run the government, for the reason that it is all that the republicans can do," shrieks this witty spellbinder. Mr. Mason, talking of Roosevelt's strenuousness and warlike propensities, concurs in the tactics of a bully, by stating that the way to have peace is to be well equipped with "the big stick." In other words, that whenever the capitalists see fit to precipitate a cruel war and create waste to provide for an overproduction of articles manufactured, the brother wage earners of two or more different nations must be lined up by means of the life and drum and punctured patriotism to shoot each other down like dogs, and wallow in each other's blood in the interest of the capitalists, such as is now in progress between Russia and Japan. In the beginning of his remarks Mr. Mason extended the right to any one in the audience to ask questions, but it was evidently seen that the necessary precautions had been taken to offset this. A little more Socialist education and these old political wallflowers and grafters, who have befogged the minds of the workers for years, will have run their race.

## W. A. ARNOLD'S STATEMENT IS FAR FROM SOCIALISM

The Milwaukee (Wis.) Journal quotes W. A. Arnold, under his signature, who is the Socialist Democrat candidate for governor of that state, in glaring type, as follows:

"If I were not a Social Democrat, or if there were no Social Democratic ticket in the field, I certainly should vote for La Follette. I believe he is working along lines more generally for the benefit of the people than any other old party candidate. If there were more men of his force of character in both political parties they would be able to accomplish more than they do."

In seating the delegates at the national convention of the Socialist party, held in Chicago last May, one of the delegates right to a seat in the convention was contested on the ground that he had sent "Golden Rule" Jones of Toledo, Ohio, a complimentary message on his election to office on an old party ticket. He was exonerated on the ground that he was not the author of the message and that it was sent without his authority. In the heat of a campaign the above article is assented to by the head of the Socialist ticket in the state of Wisconsin, who is supposed to stand on a platform—if Socialism means anything at all—that the personal excellence of the candidate means nothing and the principles upon which the party stands means all, in so far as the interests of the wage workers are concerned. La Follette of Wisconsin is a prototype of Toole of Montana. Both are politicians of the most dangerous type, devoid of the moral courage to stand out for what they see in the future, and for what they are convinced is right. La Follette, like Toole, sees just enough of the Socialist trend to compromise in a straddling manner. If Mr. Arnold has allowed his name in print in the manner above described, he is either a traitor to the cause or ignorant of what Socialism is; in either case he is incompetent as a Socialist candidate. Wisconsin Socialism these days has a goodly portion of Socialists scratching their think boxes. A review of the state Socialist platform of Wisconsin discloses some peculiar species of that doctrine. It will be hard to reconcile the western Socialists to this character of Socialism. And let it be said that this ante-election time is just as opportune a period as any other to discuss these matters as intelligently as we can, inasmuch as Socialists have "no policy to play." The matter must be threshed out at some future time. Nothing is settled until it is settled right.

## ANTI EIGHT HOUR PARKER LABOR FAKIRS GET \$2,000

The expected has happened. The so-called labor party indorsed the democratic national head of the ticket, including Alton B. Parker, who voted against the eight-hour law as unconstitutional while acting as a judge on the state supreme court of New York. This shows conclusively that this aggregation of labor fakirs have organized politically for whatever money there is in it for them. The Montana News does not claim that all of the union men are insincere who have been led into the capitalistic shambles by these labor decoy ducks, assisted by the sophistry of Spineless Joe Toole, whose first consideration is office. As yet they have not studied their economic relationship sufficiently to distinguish their class interests, and while they are union men during the greater part of the year, their apathy as regards their political duty on election day becomes manifest. Some time ago the Weekly People, a Socialist paper, printed in full the eight hour law, the document number, etc., enacted in New York state and declared unconstitutional by a major portion of the state supreme court at which Judge Parker participated. It is the purpose of this paper to print the particulars in full in an unmistakable manner in the near future, with a record of the vote. The first move on the part of the labor fakirs was to effect a fusion in the state democratic convention, but in this they were passed up like a white chip. Then, like the whipped cur, in convention they anchored with this party; the grafting leaders thinking this aggregation easier reached. The democratic press on the morning of the 5th gives out the information that the executive committee of the labor party, consisting of Frank Longstaff of Cascade county as chairman, C. J. Mackey of Lewis and Clarke as secretary, and Daniel Kelly of Jefferson as treasurer, in co-operation with the state committee, consisting of R. D. Miles of Broadwater, chairman, and W. R. Welch of Gallatin

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as temporary secretary, held a joint meeting, and "that the only objection the labor men had to Judge Parker, was a report that he had delivered an opinion, while justice in New York, against an eight-hour law, but an investigation by the labor men showed that while the court had handed down such an opinion, Judge Parker had dissented, and had written a dissenting opinion." Any one acquainted with the personnel of these two committees, would not be at all surprised that these worthies could not "investigate" an elephant in an alley, if lucre was the controlling feature in the investigation. In passing we might call attention to labor fakir Mackey, who pushed his avoirdupois into the Socialist club of Helena for political purposes, but found out instanter that he was not sufficiently clean to hold membership in that organization. If this worthy has done any work in the last five years other than live off the labor unions, we are amiss, and we have consequently deducted that whatever perspiration he has undergone in this length of time has been due to the automatic use of his jaw. Miles, who has as much license to be in a union as the evil one has to consecrate holy water, is now engaged in the saloon, the boarding house and the blacksmithing business in Winston, Montana, and makes no secret of the fact that he is in the labor movement for whatever money there is in it for Miles. Last week he received from the democratic headquarters in this city the sum of two thousand dollars, one thousand to be used in Lewis and Clark county, and one thousand to go to labor fakir Pepworth of Bozeman, who was recently expelled from the Socialist club of that city for political treachery, and who since has been nothing short of a political scavenger within the ranks of organized labor, in the interest of F. Augustus Heinze. Mr. Miles confided this information last week to a gentleman who is really sincere in the labor movement, but desires his name suppressed, as he says, "in respect to unionism." The unionist in question rebuked Miles and the alleged labor committee for their treacherous work toward organized labor, and assured him that as far as he was concerned the Parker end of the democratic ticket would not receive his support. Miles became alarmed and begged of his more principled brother in unionism not to say anything regarding the \$2,000 deal. It is suspected by some of the union men who are sincerely or otherwise supporting the left wing of capitalism—the democratic party—that Miles received as high as \$10,000 from the democrats and is "holding out." They attribute this to the fact that the latter end of the week the state democratic committee, with headquarters in Helena, had the news spread broadcast throughout the United States that "the labor party of Montana has indorsed the national democratic ticket."

Workingmen! You have been betrayed time and again by these labor fakirs! Will you forever allow unscrupulous leeches such as the Dees, the Dempsters, the Pat Meaneys of Butte, the Welchs, the Pepworths of Bozeman, the Lidgates of Basin, the Mackeys, the Hillis' and the Smiths of Helena and others too numerous to mention lead you by the nose into the capitalistic shambles on election day? Out with them! They are rotten to the core! That those of you who are honest and sincere, though ignorant of your material interests, will come to Socialism in the very near future, is as sure as night follows the day. The Socialist party offers you the only alternative of aligning with what is politically clean and for your welfare. Study Socialism. And when you are convinced align with the Socialist party.

We desire to ask of the workingmen who are foolish enough to make themselves believe that Joe Toole is their friend, as to how they arrive at such deduction. Mr. Toole, being a democrat, stands for and indorses a system that robs them of 83 per cent of their labor, keeps a million and a half of their brothers out of work permanently, and is responsible for the greater part of vice, poverty, ignorance, degradation, child labor, bull pens, prostitution, and the slum that permeate humankind. Will Governor Toole deny this? Will he debate the question of Socialism? Will he hold himself up as a friend of labor and aver that in case of labor difficulty in the state of Montana he would be a drop in the bucket in preventing outside interference. If he is really in sympathy with labor, as he professes, he would not be aligned with a political party that has always been, and must necessarily ever be, opposed to the working class interests.

Eugene V. Debs has lost a vote. A labor fakir who heard him drive a few hot ones at his ilk during his short stay Sunday, remarked that he "was going to vote for Toole and Debs, but now no Debs in his." Poor fool! Wonder how long 'Gene old boy would willingly remain out of office were he to require labor decoy ducks to hoist him—men who make their miserable existence by the strenuous sweat of their jaw. With those characters the Socialist press and the true Socialist has no compromise. We do not know their counterpart. Graphically describing a labor fakir, we rise to say he is a twin brother to the thief who was hung up on the cross with Christ, and who could have been saved by turning his face to the Savior, but didn't have that much manhood, consequently was doomed to the eternal bow-wows.

The time will come when it will be as much theft to steal with the head as with the hands.—E. V. Debs.